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TAGS: PFOR, PGOV, EFIN, BS

SUBJECT: VESCO: POLITICAL ASYLUM AND EXTRADITION

1. DURING MEETING JANUARY 22, FONMIN FACIO TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT VESCO'S LAWYERS HAD RECENTLY APPROACHED HIM TO SOUND HIM OUT ON POLITICAL ASYLUM FOR THEIR CLIENT. FACIO SAYS HE TOLD THEM THAT THE IDEA WAS RIDICULOUS. SUBSEQUENTLY THE LAWYERS APPROACHED PEPE FIGURERES, WHO CALLED FACIO ABOUT IT SAYING HE HIMSELF DOUBTED THAT ASYLUM IDEA WAS VIABLE. FACIO CONFIRMED THAT. NEVERTHELESS, FACIO EXPECTED THAT LAWYERS MIGHT YET WRITE TO HIM FORMALLY WITH SUCH A REQUEST; HE SAID HE WOULD REJECT IT OUT OF HAND AND PROMISED US A COPY.

2. FACIO EXPRESSED INTEREST IN OBTAINING COPIES OF RECENT VESCO INDICTMENTS. EMBASSY HAS OBTAINED COPIES FROM LOCAL PRESS SOURCE, AND AMBASSADOR PLANS SEND COPY TO PRESIDENT AND FONMIN ON MONDAY, JANUARY 26.

3. AMBASSADOR COMMENTED THAT THESE LATEST INDICTMENTS ARE SERIOUS AND MIGHT LEAD TO NEW EXTRADITION REQUEST, BUT THAT EXTRADITION LAW WAS STILL A SERIOUS OBSTACLE. HE ASKED WHETHER THERE WAS ANY POSSIBILITY THAT LAW WILL BE REPEALED. FACIO RESPONDED THAT HE WILL TALK TO PRESIDENT ODUBER ABOUT IT.

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